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SUBJECT: GOP NOTE CONVEYS ASEAN PROPOSAL FOR DIALOGUE

REF: MANILA 6381

1. WE INTERPRET REFTTEL AS SIMPLY TRANSMITTAL BY PHILIPPINE
ASEAN NATIONAL COORDINATING AGENCY (NCA) OF APRIL 15
DECISION BY ASEAN STANDING COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE 15-17
JUNE 1977 AS DATE FOR ASEAN-US DIALOGUE.
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2. BASED ON APRIL 19 MEETING BETWEEN GOP INDUSTRY
SECRETARY PATERNO WITH HEGINBOTHAM, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
PATERNO IS COORDINATING WITH ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTRIES,
PER HIS AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY ROMULO; THIS ARRANGEMENT
WAS FURTHER CONFIRMED WITH OTHER ASEAN OFFICIALS IN MEETING
CALLED BY FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA, AT WHICH ASEAN COUNTRY

ADB GOVERNORS MET WITH U.S. ADB, GOVERNOR AND ALT. GOV.
APRIL 22, AND WERE ENCOURAGED BY VIRATA TO COORDINATE VIEWS
WITH THEIR ECONOMIC MINISTRY COLLEAGUES.

3. IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THESE TWO SEPARATE TRACKS, (MFA
AND ECON MINISTRIES)WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST
PATERNO AND VIRATA OF OUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE, ITS

CONTENTS AND THE PROPOSED TIMING. YOU CAN INFORM THEM
THAT IF THEY SUCCEED IN OBTAINING PARTICIPATION AT AN APPRO-
PRIATE LEVEL, FROM RELEVANT ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTRIES,
UNDER SECRETARY COOPER IS PREPARED TO LEAD US DELEGATION.
HIS PREFERRED TIMING WOULD BE SEPTEMBER, WITH A LATE JULY
FALLBACK ALSO FINE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THE LESS
DESIRABLE JUNE 14 AND 15, BUT WE WON'T KNOW FOR ABOUT
THREE WEEKS IF THESE DATES ARE AVAILABLE. WOULD APPRECIATE
PATERNO/VIRATA CONSULTATION WITH ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS
REGARDING THEIR PREFERENCE ON TIMING. (FYI: WE BELIEVE
TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATION SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT).

4. UPON RECEIPT OF PATERNO'S AND VIRATA'S REPLY WE WILL
BE PREPARED TO RESPOND FORMALLY TO ASEAN NOTE. VANCE

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